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Northwest Territories Population – October 2013

On October 1, 2013 Statistics Canada estimated that 43,523 people were living in the Northwest Territories, a decrease of 0.2% from the previous year. By comparison, Canada's population increased by 1.2% over the same period. With the exception of the Northwest Territories and the Atlantic provinces, all other provinces and territories experienced positive growth between October 1, 2012 and October 1, 2013. Growth exceeded the national level in Alberta (3.5%), Nunavut (2.7%), and Saskatchewan (1.8%). Please note, these estimates are based on the 2011 Census, adjusted for census net undercoverage.

Table 1 Population Estimates and Annual Rate of Growth, by Province and Territory
October 1, 2010 to October 1, 2013

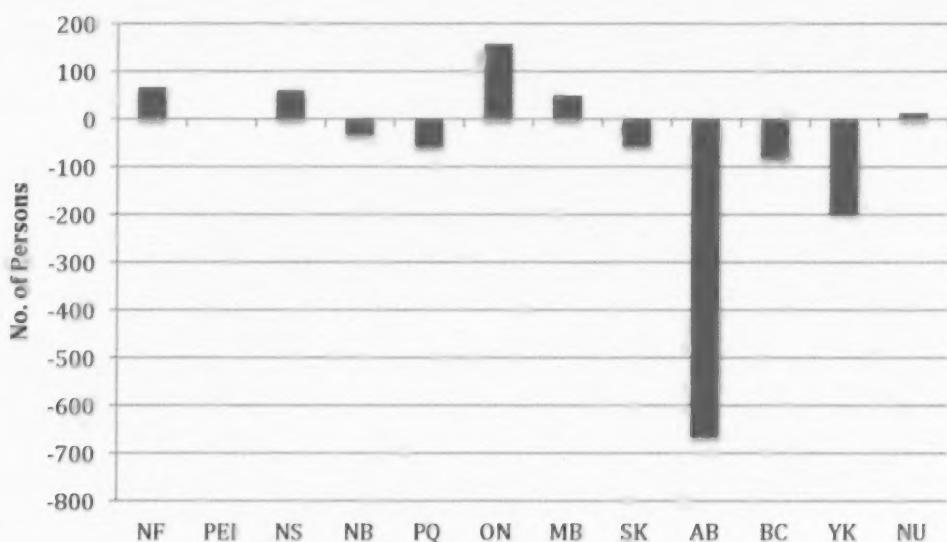
	2013 Oct 1	Percent Incr.	2012 Oct 1	Percent Incr.	2011 Oct 1	Percent Incr.	2010 Oct 1	Percent Incr.
Canada	35,295,770	1.2	34,884,137	1.2	34,473,479	1.0	34,131,451	1.1
Northwest Territories	43,523	-0.2	43,606	0.2	43,518	0.5	43,298	0.9
Nunavut	35,945	2.7	35,009	2.1	34,275	2.1	33,571	2.3
Yukon	36,690	0.4	36,543	2.6	35,609	2.4	34,786	2.2
British Columbia	4,606,375	1.0	4,558,879	0.9	4,518,127	0.8	4,483,677	1.2
Alberta	4,060,719	3.5	3,923,016	2.9	3,812,298	1.7	3,747,504	1.4
Saskatchewan	1,114,170	1.8	1,094,373	2.1	1,071,998	1.5	1,056,108	1.6
Manitoba	1,268,915	1.2	1,254,245	1.3	1,238,264	1.1	1,224,773	1.1
Ontario	13,585,887	1.0	13,457,445	1.1	13,317,089	1.0	13,188,726	1.1
Quebec	8,174,510	0.8	8,107,125	1.0	8,030,046	0.9	7,954,970	1.1
New Brunswick	755,710	-0.1	756,583	0.1	756,147	0.2	754,294	0.4
Nova Scotia	940,567	-0.4	944,406	-0.1	945,496	0.1	944,154	0.4
Prince Edward Island	145,295	0.0	145,254	0.4	144,657	1.3	142,747	1.5
Newfoundland & Labrador	527,464	0.0	527,653	0.3	525,955	0.6	522,843	0.7

In total, the population in the Northwest Territories fell by 83 persons between October 1, 2012 and October 1, 2013. The components of natural increase consisted of 685 births and 198 deaths, resulting in a net increase of 487 persons. Inter-provincial migration accounted for 1,897 persons moving into the Northwest Territories from other provinces and territories, while 2,639 persons moved away, representing a net loss of 742 persons. Internationally, there was a net in-migration of 172 persons.

In terms of quarterly growth, the NWT population decreased by 14 persons between July 1, 2013 and October 1, 2013. The population decline resulted from a net loss of 165 inter-provincial migrants offset by a gain of 140 persons through natural increase and 11 net international in-migrants. This was the ninth consecutive quarter of negative net interprovincial migration.

Similar to previous years, Alberta accounted for the largest number of net inter-provincial migrants in and out of the NWT between October 1, 2012 and October 1, 2013. Approximately 443 persons moved to the NWT from Alberta and 1,107 persons moved from the territory to Alberta, resulting in net loss of 664 persons (Figure 1). Ontario, on the other hand, made the largest net contribution of new migrants to the territory. It was estimated that 486 people moved to the NWT from Ontario, while 329 people moved from the territory to Ontario, amounting to a net gain of 157 people.

Figure 1 Net Inter-provincial Migration by Province and Territory
October 1, 2012 to October 1, 2013



The detailed components of population change for the Northwest Territories since 2007 are presented in Table 2.

For more information about these estimates or for community level population estimates and projections, please visit the NWT Bureau of Statistics website at <http://www.statsnwt.ca> or call (867) 873-7147.

Table 2 Components of Population Change, by Time Period
Northwest Territories - January 1, 2007 to October 1, 2013

		Beginning Population	Ending Population	Births	Deaths	--- Interprovincial Migration ---			Net International	Error of Closure
						In	Out	Net		
2013	Jul-Sep	43,537	43,523	197	57	343	508	-165	11	-
	Apr-Jun	43,604	43,537	155	47	651	900	-249	74	-
	Jan-Mar	43,672	43,604	179	45	642	897	-255	53	-
2012	Jan-Dec	43,495	43,672	678	191	1,779	2,217	-438	128	-
	Oct-Dec	43,606	43,672	154	49	261	334	-73	34	-
	Jul-Sep	43,620	43,606	189	54	550	716	-166	17	-
	Apr-Jun	43,606	43,620	154	45	452	588	-136	41	-
2011	Jan-Mar	43,495	43,606	181	43	516	579	-63	36	-
	Jan-Dec	43,258	43,495	690	188	2,183	2,430	-247	30	48
	Oct-Dec	43,518	43,495	156	48	290	434	-144	13	-
	Jul-Sep	43,501	43,518	195	54	561	714	-153	29	-
2010	Apr-Jun	43,263	43,501	157	44	783	617	166	-27	14
	Jan-Mar	43,258	43,263	182	42	549	665	-116	15	34
	Jan-Dec	42,962	43,258	700	184	1,890	2,060	-170	85	135
	Oct-Dec	43,298	43,258	176	40	313	448	-135	-7	34
2009	Jul-Sep	43,278	43,298	161	47	345	439	-94	34	34
	Apr-Jun	43,145	43,278	175	42	579	573	6	28	34
	Jan-Mar	42,962	43,145	188	55	653	600	53	30	33
	Jan-Dec	43,109	42,962	711	186	1,661	2,214	-553	16	135
2008	Oct-Dec	42,916	42,962	168	48	271	317	-46	6	34
	Jul-Sep	43,149	42,916	206	47	432	796	-364	6	34
	Apr-Jun	43,097	43,149	178	43	474	556	-82	33	34
	Jan-Mar	43,109	43,097	159	48	484	545	-61	-29	33
2007	Jan-Dec	43,351	43,109	721	201	1,897	2,623	-726	100	136
2007	Jan-Dec	43,074	43,351	725	174	2,230	2,339	-109	-30	135

Note: *Net International* represents the net total of all Immigrants, Emigrants, Returning Canadians, Non-Permanent Residents and Individuals Temporarily Abroad.
Error of Closure represents the difference in population change as measured by the individual components of growth and that observed using 2006, 2001 and 1996 census based population estimates.

Source: Statistics Canada, Demography Division.